(b) whether Government propose to revive the proposal, with courses like Physiotherapy, Occupational Thereapy, Prosthetics and Orthotics, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The National Institute of Sports, now known as SAI Netaji Subhas National Institute of Sports (NSNIS) Patiala, is a premier Institute of Sports in the country. It was set up by the Government in 1961 and is now a part of the Academic Wing of Sports Authority of India (SAI) for coaches. Apart from conducting various academic courses, the national camps for preparing teams for different disciplines are also held at NSNIS, Patiala. In 1993, the matter regarding granting Deemed University Status was taken up by NSNIS, Patiala with the UGC under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. This, however, did not materialize and it was decided that NSNIS may continue to be an Institute of national importance.

(b) No, Sir.

Youth hostels in Assam

1914. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of youth hostels set up, so far, in Assam, location-wise;

(b) the number of hostels proposed to be set up, in the State, location-wise; and

(c) the details of steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) There are 4 youth hostels constructed in Assam at Nawgaon, Guwahati, Golaghat & Tezpur.

(b) At present, there is no proposal to set up new hostels in Assam.

(c) Question does not arise.

Body Building Organisations

1915. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are two separate Internationally recognized Body Building Organisations in India, namely the Indian Body Building Federation, which exclusively, conducts championship in weight category, and the National Amateur Body Builders Federation, which exclusively conducts championships in the height category;

(b) whether there are two similar world Bodies, dealing with weight and height categories, separately;

(c) if so, why Government have not yet recognised the National Amateur Body Builders Federation, despite they being entitled for recognition;

(d) whether Government would ensure recognition now; and

(e) if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) to (e) As per extant Government guidelines, there would be only one recognised Federation for each discipline of sport irrespective of the fact that the particular sport caters to youghster, men, women or vaterans. Accordingly, Government had examined the request of National Amateur Bodybuilders Federation but decided not to accord recognition, since a federation at National level in the same discipline has already been recognized by the Government.